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SUBJECT: PODGORNY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. SUMMARY: PODGORNY GIVEN WARM WELCOME IN HIS MARCH 29 ARRIVAL TO MOZAMBIQUE. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS STARTED. JOINT COMMIQUE TO BE ISSUED MARCH 31. MACHEL EFFUSIVELY PRAISES PAST AND CURRENT SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO. PODGORNY GIVES TEMPERED SPEECH AND ALLUDES TO DESIRABILITY BUT IMPRACTICABILITY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.
END SUMMARY

2. AIRPORT WELCOME. VISIT OF SOVIET PRESIDENT NIKOLAY PODGORNY TO MOZAMBIQUE GOT UNDER WAY AFTERNOON OF MARCH 29 WITH WARM AND COLORFUL AIRPORT CEREMONY THAT INCLUDED A TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE AND A REVIEW OF A MILITARY HONOR GUARD. PODGORNY WAS WELCOMED AT AIRPORT BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL,
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ENTIRE GPRM CABINET AND NUMBER OF OTHER SENIOR MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.

3. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO MARCH 30 PRESS, SOVIET AND MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATIONS HELD THEIR FIRST ROUND OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT 1700 LOCAL TIME. NO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE GIVEN, BUT PRESS REPORTED THAT A

JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS.

4. RUSIAN OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONVERSATIONS WERE:

PRESIDENT NIKOLAY PODGORNY
I.V. ARKHIPOW, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
J.B. GUJENKO, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MINISTER OF MARITIME FLEET
F.Z. SOKOLOV, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND FIRST VICE MINISTER OF DECENSE
J. ILLYITCHEV, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION AND VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
N. SMELIAKOV, VICE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE
I. TCHERNICHEV, VICE PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
P. EVSIUKOV, USSR AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE

THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION WAS LED BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND COMPOSED OF:
MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
JOAQUIM CHIASSANO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MARIONO MATSHINHA, MINISTER OF LABOR
MARIO MACHUNGO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
JUIS LUIS CABACO, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
OSCAR MONTEIRO, MINISTER OF STATE
ALBERTO CASSIMO, GOVERNOR OF MOZAMBIQUE CENTRAL BANK
SERGIO VIEIRA, DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET IN THE OFFICE OF
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THE PRESIDENT

5. STATE BANQUET. DURING STATE BANQUET FOR PODGORNY EVENING OF MARCH 29, BOTH MACHEL AND PODGORNY DELIVERED SHORT SPEECHES PRAISING THE FRIENDLY AND "FRATERNAL" RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN FRELIMO AND SOVIET CP AND CALLING FOR GREATER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO BUILD SOCIALISM.

6. MACHEL'S SPEECH. IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT MACHEL PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO DURING THE ARMED STRUGGLE. "THE USSR SUPPORTED FRELIMO FROM THE BEGINNING OF ITS EXISTENCE." IT TRAINED MOZAMBICAN SOLDIERS AND SUPPORTED US POLITICALLY, MORALLY, DIPLOMATICALLY AND MATERIALLY. SOVIET SUPPORT RESULTED IN FRELIMO AND THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE ACHIEVING THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AFTER NOTING HOW MUCH INSPIRATION LENIN AND SOVIET REVOLUTION OF 1917 HAD HAD ON FRELIMO, MACHEL TURNED TO FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, MACHEL SAID THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE POPULAR STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE,

NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA HAD FORCED THE IMPERIALIST TO ADOPT NEW "PERFIDIOUS MANEUVERS," INCLUDING MASSACRES AND ASSASSINATIONS. SOME OF THESE IMPERIALIST ACTIONS HAD BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THOSE STATES BORDERING THE COLONIAL REGIMES. HOWEVER, MACHEL SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED AND THAT ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE FREE. MACHEL ALSO ACCUSED THE IMPERIALISTS OF HAVING A PLAN TO CREATE A SOUTH ATLANTIC MILITARY BLOC INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA AND OF INTRODUCING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS INTO THE WATERS ALONG THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA. CONCLUDING, MACHEL LAUDED COOPERATION THAT HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND POST INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE AND CALLED FOR MORE INTERACTION TO ENSURE THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN AFRICA.

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7. PODGORNY'S SPEECH. PODGORNY'S REMARKS WERE LESS EBULLIENT AND MORE TEMPERED. (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL). PODGORNY THANKED GPRM FOR ITS WARM HOSPITALITY, RECALLED MACHEL'S SUCCESSFUL AND "FRUITFUL" VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION LAST MAY, AND SPOKE OF THE LONG HISTORY OF SOVIET SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WITH FRELIMO. PODGORNY SAID THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY WAS SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE FIGHTING AGAINST COLONIALISM AND PROGRESS AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT "ABANDON" ITS FRIENDS DURING THEIR MOST TRYING HOURS. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID THE

SOVIET POSITION WAS CLAER: IT SUPPORTED SELF-DETERMINATION, AN END TO APARTHEID AND RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FROM NAMIBIA AND A COMPLETE AND UNRESERVED TRANSFER OF POWER IN ZIMBABWE. HOWEVER, PODGORNY, CONTINUED THAT THE "WAY PEOPLE RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS DEPENDS UPON THEMSELVES. IN KEEPING WITH THE SITUATION AND THE CONDITIONS, THEY ARE FREE TO CHOOSE ONE OR OTHER MEANS OF STRUGGLE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ALL PROBLEMS IS DESIRED. BUT AS THE

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RIGHTS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA TO LIBERTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ARE BEING SLIGHTED, THE ASPIRATION OF THE PEPLE TO ARMED STRUGGLE IS UNDERSTANDABLE." PODGORNY THEN CHIDED THE WEST FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE ARMED STRUGGLE. CONCLUDING PODGORNY CALLED FOR TRANSFER OF POWER TO AFRICANS IN REMAINING COLONIAL TERRITORIES, MORE VIGILANCE BY OAU TO REINFORCE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS FRONT, AND GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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